

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
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Webster, NH 03303

Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 15, 2009

7:00 P.M. Roll Call – Present: Chairman Thomas Mullins, Selectman David Klumb and Selectman George Hashem

The Board signed the payroll check and vendor manifests as well as the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2009; seconded by Selectman Klumb and unanimously approved;
- An Intent to Cut: Paul Cross – Map 2-35 & 2-35-1;
- An Abatement for Map 6-13;
- A Supplemental Warrant for Map 6-14;
- Two 2008 Abatements; and
- The 2009 Delinquent Dog List for the Town Clerk.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham has sent letters requesting bids regarding the 2009-2010 heating season for oil and propane. The sealed bids are due by 6/29/09.

Police Chief Brian Milano presented his semi-monthly report.

In response to an e-mail received from Chief Milano the Board advised that being unable to reach him while on vacation should he be out of range would not be an issue.

The following discussion was a result of an e-mail from Chief Milano regarding the issuance of the Crown Vic cruiser to Lieutenant Philip Mitchell for emergency responses and for on-call time. Chairman Mullins inquired if this would mean he would have the cruiser for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. It does, said Chief Milano, except for vacations at which time the vehicle would be at the station. Chairman Mullins thought the policy indicated the cruiser (when taken home) was for when an officer was on duty or on-call. Selectman Hashem reviewed the Vehicle Policy per Chief Milano's reference to page 2, noting the intention was for an officer to have the cruiser at home for a valid reason. Lieutenant Mitchell advised that, though he may not be on call on his two days off, he does have a Fire pager and a Police pager and occasionally gets called. He explained that it would be a burden to not have the cruiser available to him during his two days off, as well as the fact that he would need someone to typically pick him up on Friday night and bring him to the station on Monday morning as he does not prefer to leave his private vehicle at the station during his time off. Selectman Hashem asked if he were typically on call every night of the week. Lieutenant Mitchell advised that he was typically on-call Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday when he worked Monday through Friday. Lieutenant Mitchell reminded the Board that he does not get compensated for his on-call time and that the use of the cruiser needed to be convenient. Chief Milano inquired as to when there had been a problem with an officer taking the cruiser home as no one ever approached him prior to the newly adopted policy regarding Town Vehicle Use. Selectmen Hashem indicated that he had no problem with the assignment of the cruiser at this time, but would like to give it some more thought.

The Board approved the ad for the sealed bid of the 1993 GMC "Jimmy", to be opened on July 13, 2009, and requested that Chief Milano bring the "Jimmy" to the Town Hall where those interested could inspect it. This ad will be posted at the hall, put on the website and put in the Grapevine for the July issue.

7:22 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to recess until 7:30 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Klumb and approved.

7:28 P.M. Chairman Mullins reconvened the meeting. On behalf of the Fire and Police Department, plaques were formerly presented to Kenneth Bennett and his father-in-law Ronald Finlayson, Sr. for their heroic rescue efforts of the two gentlemen, who were capsized in a canoe on Lake Winnepocket, on April 18, 2009. They took a nearby boat into the water and were able to assist the two gentlemen onto the shore from the frigid water and render aid. It was recognized that

their quick and courageous action saved the lives of those men. Chief Milano read and presented Kenneth Bennett with his plaque and Fire Chief Adam Pouliot read and presented Ronald Finlayson, Sr. with his plaque.

Chief Pouliot provided the Board with a copy of a citizen's complaint filed earlier this year against the Fire Department and the Chief's written response to that complaint. The Board reviewed these and then sealed the complaint and the written response.

7:34 PM. Selectman Klumb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

Thomas S. Mullins
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David E. Klumb

George K. Hashem